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SUBJECT: USG DEL TO FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE IBE COUNCIL, GENEVA, JAN 17-20, 1977

- 1. THE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO IMPROVE THE US PERFORMANCE AT UNESCO MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE IBE. TO DO THIS WE PLAN TO ACCREDIT TWO PROFESSIONALS FROM THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, HEW (ROBERT LEESTMA, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION, AND THOMAS E. COTNER, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL SERVICES AND RESEARCH BRANCH) AND ONE OFFICER FROM THE MISSION AT GENEVA.
- 2. TO ENSURE US INTERESTS ARE GIVEN PROPER ATTENTION,
 DEPARTMENT WISHES TO ACCREDIT MISSION OFFICER WHO COULD
 ATTEND IBE MEETINGS AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE IBE
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DURING PERIODS BETWEEN COUNCIL MEETINGS.

3. TWO PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ISSUES ARE TO BE RAISED AT THE UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING: (1) PREPARATION OF A SHORT-LIST OF CANDIDATES FROM WHICH THE UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL SELECT THE NEW DIRECTOR OF IBE (LEO FERNIG IS RETIRING) AND (2) THE PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE

CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION TO BE HELD AT GENEVA NEXT SEPTEMBER. WE HOPE AT LEAST ONE OF US CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE SHORT-LIST.

4. PLEASE ADVISE DEPARTMENT NAME OF MISSION OFFICER WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ASSUME ABOVE-DESCRIBED ROLE AND SERVE AS MEMBER USG DEL TO COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK.

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